



## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE

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### DAILY MEDIA WATCH

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#### CURRENT NEWS 21 APRIL 2010

[Anonymous e-mail tried to link 7th CD hopeful to Navy rape case](#) – Denver Post

Two days before key county assemblies, e-mails went out to Republicans noting the Navy had once charged a person named "Sias" with rape. Lang Sias, a Navy veteran and one of four Republicans running in the 7th Congressional District, believes the e-mails were intended to mislead voters into thinking he was the person charged.

[Dienhart: The cult of Westboro says it's coming to Fayette...](#) – Fayette Daily News

On January 26, 2008 Westboro members went to Camp Lejeune, to protest the Marines in the wake of the murder of Marine LCpl Maria Lauterbach. ...

#### PREVIOUS NEWS

[Giving Women Service Members a Voice](#) –DiversityInc.com

Women currently represent 15 percent of the military, with more than 356,000 serving in the armed forces. But their voices aren't always heard, according to Former Marine Corp Captain Anuradha Bhagwati.

[Navy Emphasizes Sexual Assault Awareness Efforts During National Observance](#) – Navy News Service

The director of Navy's personnel, plans and policy division underscored the services efforts to eradicate sexual assault among its ranks in a podcast released April 16. (*Search for NAVADMIN 119/10*)

[Media Advisory - Soldier to be recognized by Justice Department April 16](#) – Army Public Affairs  
WASHINGTON -- The Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) annually recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting victims and victim services.

[Verbatim: Attorney general recognizes Hoosier for service to crime victims](#) – The Journal Gazette  
Attorney General Eric Holder recognized nine individuals and one organization for outstanding work on behalf of crime victims in an awards ceremony hosted by the Department of Justice today...U.S. Army Master Sgt. Verlean K. Brown, Deployed Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Sherwood, Ark., for implementing the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program in a combat environment, and for establishing supportive relationship with the U. S. Air Force Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC).

[The New York Times vs. the Pope](#) – CounterPunch.org

Since mid-February, the New York Times has led a systematic campaign exposing sex abuse scandals within the Catholic Church... An illuminating example of this type of reporting involves the increasing incidence of rape and sexual abuse of U.S. female military personnel. The Times recently reported on the Defense Department's release of its annual report "Defense Task Force on

Sexual Assault in the Military Services.” [see “The Third Front: Sexual Assault in the U. S. Military,” CounterPunch, March 19-21, 2010]

[Studs in stilettos take over Five Points](#) – Midlands Connect.com

The month of April is sexual assault awareness month and Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands is working to educate communities on prevention, while raising awareness about sexual assault and rape.

[Living at the 'Tip of the Spear'](#) – The Nation

...The incident that set these plans for the Guam Buildup in motion was the 1995 gang-rape of a 12-year-old girl by US marines stationed at the Futenma Air Base in Okinawa, one of several shocking incidents involving assaults on local girls by marines...

[Former Caldwell candidate's hearings delayed on 2001 lewd conduct, rape charges](#) – IdahoStatesman.com

Vincent J. Sanchez, 29, was scheduled to stand trial in May, but new court dates were set Thursday after the defense requested more time, Canyon County Prosecutor John Bujak said... Sanchez is accused of having manual-to-genital contact with a 12-year-old girl and sexual intercourse with a 17-year-old girl eight years ago before he entered the Navy.

[Local Victims' Rights Week events scheduled](#) – The Florida Times-Union

Jacksonville's Victim Assistance Advisory Council holds a series of events to recognize crime victims as part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Monday to Friday, April 18-24... A seminar on “The Military's Response to Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault, and its Civilian-Coordinated Community Response...

[The 'Other' Terrorism: Militarism And Violence Against Women](#) – CounterCurrents.org

A Department of Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military told a Congressional committee on February 3, 2010 that “DoD's procedures for ...

[KBR's “Facts” About Rape Case Are No Such Thing](#) – AlterNet

After she was released, her rape kit, which the Army hospital had turned over to KBR and KBR had turned over to the State Department, disappeared.

[How the Army is teaching soldiers to cope with the horrors of war](#) – Sacramento Bee

Rhonda Cornum...who has written a best-selling book and dismissed her sexual assault by her Iraqi captors as “not the biggest deal of my life.”

[US lawmaker pleads Japan's case on base](#) – AFP

... Dennis Kucinich highlighted concerns by residents of the southern island of Okinawa over crimes involving US troops, including alleged sexual assaults. ...

[Fighting Mad: The 21st Century Warrior](#) AlterNet (blog)

But that figure represents only reported cases, and, as Air Force Brig. Gen. KC McClain, commander of DoD's Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention ...